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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Gettwart et al.

GROUP ART UNIT: 3629

SERIAL NO.: 09/586,481

EXAMINER: D. Charles

FILED: June 1, 2001

CONFIRMATION NO.: 8302

TITLE: "METHOD FOR PROCESSING POSTAL MATTER AND POSTAL MATTER PROCESSING SYSTEM"

## AMENDMENT "A"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	*	MINUS	**	X	( ) X 9.00 ( ) X 18.00		
INDEP. CLAIMS	*	MINUS		X	( ) X 42.00 ( ) X 84.00		
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$140.00 ( ) \$280.00 ONE TIME		
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$0.00	

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

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☒ Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated **October 28, 2003** for **two (2)** months so that the period for response is extended to **March 28, 2003**. A check in the amount of **\$410.00** is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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☐ A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2002, Applicants herewith amend the application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

The paragraph immediately below the heading "Field of the Invention" has been amended as follows:

The present invention is directed to a method for processing postal matter and a postal matter processing system which allow staggered postal matter processing and are suited for use with multiple carriers.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1.        (Amended) A method for processing postal matter comprising the steps of: